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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

The Editors have examined your Letter to the Editors, Concentration of biochemical mutants of bacteria with penicillin. They are aware that a previous paper (by Lederberg and Tatum) appeared as a Letter. However, in the judgment of the Editors this paper, although describing what may well prove a very significant improvement in previously described techniques, does not add to existing fundamental biochemical knowledge, and hence cannot be accepted for publication as a Letter to the Editors.

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